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TO: Honorable Joseph Pickett, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB645 by Veasey (Relating to safety regulations for certain contract carriers.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Transportation Code, Section 644.054 which would require a contract carrier to perform alcohol and drug testing of employed vehicle operators periodically and on suspicion of abuse and maintain \$1.5 million of liability insurance for each vehicle. The bill would also require the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to inform contract carriers and railroad companies of the statute requirements. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2009.

DPS and the Texas Department of Transportation anticipate no significant fiscal impact to the agencies.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety, 601 Department of Transportation

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